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Co-operation

Instruction of panchayatdars and supervisors of co-operative societies in the knowledge of co-operation.

* 427 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals for spreading knowledge of co-operation by holding classes for instruction to the panchayatdars and supervisors of co-operative societies in each district or in selected districts;

(*b*) if so, what they are;

(*c*) how much the Government propose to spend on this scheme; and

(*d*) whether any grant is got or anticipated from the Government of India for the purpose and, if so, how much, and how long it is likely to continue?

A.—A scheme for the improved training of supervisors and panchayatdars has been received from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in connexion with a general scheme of co-operative training and education proposed to be given to the staff of the department and of non-official institutions and to panchayatdars and members of co-operative societies, with the aid of a grant from the Government of India. The whole scheme is under the consideration of Government. It is not yet possible to furnish the other particulars asked for.

Mr. G. R. Premayya:—"The question asks whether any grant is anticipated from the Government of India and if so, how much; I don't find any answer to that in the answer on the paper; it simply says that a scheme has been received from the Registrar for the improved training of supervisors, etc., with the aid of a grant from the Government of India. It does not say how much grant has been given?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"The Government of India propose to give us a grant of Rs. 3,59,000."

Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—"Is the scheme to be tried throughout the Presidency or in selected places? Are they going to have centres of training in different places, or only in one or two districts?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"The whole scheme is under consideration. At this stage I cannot say whether it is going to be limited to a few centres or spread out throughout the province."

Local Self-Government

Replies of presidents of district boards in regard to delegation of powers to the secretaries of district boards.

* 428 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what reply each of the presidents of district boards gave for the communication sent to them by the Government in the matter of delegating some of the powers to the secretaries of district boards; and